

Marion County Sheriff’s Report

Mar 30th:
In the past 24 hours Marion County Sheriff’s deputies responded to 45 calls for service including, but not limited to: 16 extra patrol requests, 5 domestic calls, 2 rescue calls, 2 paper service attempts, 2 reckless drivers, 2 vehicle fires, 1 incomplete 911, 1 wanted subject, 1 controlled burn, 1 accident, 1 livestock call, 1 suspicious activity call, 1 debris in the roadway, 1 civil call, 1 vehicle unlock, 1 fight, 1 violation of a no contact order, returned 1 phone call, and 4 other calls.

In the past 24 hours, the Marion County Sheriff’s office communications center fielded 183 calls including 50 911 calls.

The Marion County Jail is currently holding 29 subjects. In the past 24 hours, 6 subjects were booked into the Marion County Jail: Dillon James Hall, age 20 of Knoxville, was charged with harassment-2nd degree, public intoxication, disorderly conduct-threat, and interference with official acts; Naintara Kay Mahmood, age 36 of Pella, was charged with violation no contact order-domestic; Joshua Tyler Mitchell, age 48 of Knoxville, was charged with violation of parole; Kimberly Ann Laird, age 49 of Knoxville, was charged with violation of probation.

Mar 31st:
In the past 24 hours, deputies responded to 34 calls for service including, but not limited to: 22 extra patrol requests, 2 requests to assist another agency, 1 motorist assist, 2 paper service attempts, 2 dogs, 2 rescue, 1 civil matter, and 2 other calls for service.

In the past 24 hours, the communications center fielded 78 calls including 22 911 calls.

The jail is currently holding 24 subjects. In the past 24 hours, no subjects were booked into the Marion County Jail.

Apr 1st:
In the past 24 hours, deputies responded to 27 calls for service including, but not limited to: 8 extra patrol requests, 6 return calls, 2 rescues, 1 juvenile, 1 report of a reckless driver, 1 dog, 1 parking complaint, 1 report of an illegal dump, 1 commercial fire, 1 paper service attempt, 1 escort, 1 accident, and 2 other calls for service.

Special Defense Unit too busy to help attempted murder suspect

Iowa’s Special Defense Office has submitted a request to withdraw as legal representation for Pella attempted murder suspect, Marci Gay Allen. The request indicates the unit lacks sufficient staffing. This is at least the fourth case in recent

In the past 24 hours, the communications center fielded 162 calls including 32 911 calls.

The jail is currently holding 25 subjects. In the past 24 hours, 4 subjects were booked into the jail: Ronald Jay Vande Kieft, age 66 of Kirkville, was charged with driving under suspension; Marci Gay Allen, age 56 of Pella, was charged with domestic assault with a weapon 1st, and attempted murder; Sasha Jeanette Golay, age 19 of Pleasantville, was charged with theft 4th degree >\$300<\$750; Christine Marie Atwell, age 55 of Melcher, was charged with driving under suspension.

Apr 2nd:
In the past 24 hours, deputies responded to 32 calls for service including, but not limited to: 5 extra patrol requests, 3 returned calls, 3 paper services attempts, 2 reports of fraud, 2 juveniles, 2 rescues, 1 business alarm, 1 report of a school bus violation, 1 follow up, 1 motorist assist, 1 report of criminal mischief, 1 report of a reckless driver, and 9 other calls for service.

In the past 24 hours, the communications center fielded 95 calls including 24 911 calls.

The jail is currently holding 24 subjects. In the past 24 hours, 3 subjects were booked into the jail: Luke Edward Miller, age 23 of Des Moines, was charged with OWI 2nd offense, driving under suspension, and false id of law/public service officer; Erika Harward, age 54 of Floris, was charged with driving while barred; Nathaniel Reuben, age 43 of Paradise, TX, is on hold for other agency

Apr 3rd:
In the past 24 hours, deputies responded to 45 calls for service including but not limited to: 19 extra patrol requests, 5 paper service attempts, 4 returned phone calls, 3 motor assists, 3 follow up calls, 2 incomplete 911 calls, 1 rescue call, 1 transport, 1 residential fire, 1 suspicious activity call, 1 theft, 1 ATV call, 1 vehicle fire, and 2 other calls.

In the past 24 hours, the communications center fielded 91 calls including 28 911 calls.

The jail is currently holding 26 subjects. In the past 24 hours, 4 subjects were booked into the Jail: Larry Eugene Ellis, age 67 of Bussey, was charged with failure to appear/contempt of court, and possession of a controlled substance-1st, 2nd, and 3rd; Dale Eugene Cosgrove Sr, age 69 of Ottumwa, was charged with driving while barred; Randi Dawn Welsh, age 38 of Bussey, was

charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; Barry Paul Bennett Jr, age 48 of Knoxville, was charged with possession control substance-3rd, and drug tax stamp violations.

Apr 4th:
In the past 24 hours, deputies responded to 47 calls for service including, but not limited to: 24 extra patrol requests, 6 paper service attempts, 3 rescue calls, 2 suspicious persons, 2 follow up calls, 2 reckless drivers, 2 accidents, 1 follow up call, 1 harassment, 1 livestock call, 1 school bus violation, 1 traffic control call, and 1 assist other agency.

In the past 24 hours, the communications center fielded 140 calls including 15 911 calls.

The jail is currently holding 24 subjects. In the past 24 hours, 3 subjects were booked into the Jail: Olivia Marie Desocio, age 25 of Knoxville, was charged with OWI-1st offense; Curtis Eugene Kane, age 63 of Otley, was charged with disorderly conduct-loud noise; Jordan Daniel Swank, age 34 of Oskaloosa, was charged with driving while under suspension, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving while license is suspended.

Apr 5th:
In the past 24 hours, deputies responded to 43 calls for service including, but not limited to: 19 extra patrol requests, 4 motorist assists, 3 reckless driver calls, 2 paper service attempts, 2 wanted persons, 2 returned calls, 1 incomplete 911, 1 mental subject, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 rescue call, 1 transport, 1 escort, 1 welfare check, 1 suspicious activity, 1 domestic call, 1 animal carcass, and 1 other call.

In the past 24 hours, the communications center fielded 98 calls including 17 911 calls.

The jail is currently holding 26 subjects. In the past 24 hours, 5 subjects were booked into the jail: Justin James Vandermartin, age 32 of Knoxville, on a judgment entry/mittimus; Regina Kimberly Young, age 52 of Bussey, was charged with OWI-2nd offense; Misti Dawn Sherman, age 45 of Waukee, is charged with animal neglect-no injury, and animal neglect with injury or death; Lyle Adam Riggs Jr, age 29 of Harvey, was charged with 5 counts of failure to appear/contempt court; Gregory Allen Tutrow Jr, age 42 of Des Moines, was charged with forgery-felony.

Pella Police Report

The Pella Police Department engaged in the following activities during the week of March 30- April 05, 2025: 195 calls for service, 12 traffic citations, 23 traffic warnings, four parking tickets, six accidents, one arrest, four charges, zero juvenile referrals or warrant arrests.

COMMUNICATION CENTER WEEKLY STATS

The Pella Police Department Communications Center engaged in the following activities during the same period: 321 incoming telephone calls and 48 total incoming 911 calls.

ARRESTS:

- On 03/30/25, a female from Pella was charged with attempt to commit murder and domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon. The subject was incarcerated.
- On 03/31/25, a male from Des Moines was arrested for OWI 2nd offense, subject was incarcerated.

Rounds, memberships increase at Bos Landen

Since the City of Pella took control of the Bos Landen Golf Course two years ago, the course has seen increases in individual rounds and course memberships.

“The city took on the full operations of Bos Landen Golf Course, the overall of the grounds and the clubhouse operations at the beginning of 2023,” Golf and Athletics Manager for the City of Pella, Kevin Vos, said during a recent Espresso TV. Prior to that, the course that opened in 1993 had been led by various management firms.

“When the city took over, there was things that have not been done, the participation rates weren’t there,” Vos continued. “We made a pitch to the City administration, to the city council. We were very fortunate they approved of that, and since then, in the last two years, we have seen significant growth and strides in the overall operations of Bos Landen.”

According to figures presented at the March 25 Pella City Council meeting, with increased use of the facility (and increased greens fees), the City’s subsidy for Bos Landen decreased from \$387,000 to around \$147,000. Vos did not expect things to change that quickly.

“It’s been lot of hard work, lot of long hours, lots of meetings, but well worth it,” Vos said. The course has not only found renewed life with Pella and local residents, but its name in the wider golf community has been restored. “It’s great for our community. We bring in so many people from not only our community, but around surrounding communities that are traveling here and hearing such positive things. It’s just been great.”

Vos believes a key to the success has been having the right staff on board, Alex Olson as the superintendent, has done a “phenomenal job,” Vos

said. He went on to praise Clubhouse Manager Matt Jennings and Golf Pro John Chavers.

“We’ve got plans, you know, going forward of what we’d like to see. We’re not there yet, but, but so far so good,” Vos said.

Maintaining the course’s success will come at a price. Estimated capital improvement repairs at the course over the next five years will cost \$3,872,000. This includes the bulk of projects planned for FY2028, which include bunker and path repairs (\$775,000), hole 18 renovation (\$450,000) and irrigation control system replacement (\$932,000). Estimated expenditures in FY28 are \$2,391,000.

A bond referendum may be used to cover those costs, as well as \$953,000 in FY29 for clubhouse/kitchen upgrades (\$643,000), a project on hole 17 and pesticide storage.

Knoxville FD to get new laptops

The Knoxville City Council approved the purchase of four new GETAC computers and associated equipment in the amount of \$28,334.32 at Monday’s regular meeting.

Fire Chief Cal Wyman explained that the department’s six I-pads are “at the end of their life”. One-third of them are currently not in service.

When staff looked into replacing them, they found the costs have “significantly” increased and found that replacing the four working tablets with computers would be less costly and more efficient.

The computers’ operating systems will be Windows-based, which is more compatible with the new public safety complex’s

plan, as well as state and national incident reporting systems. The police department has used these computers in the past and have not had any problems. Funding for the KFD’s computer purchase will come from the vehicle and equipment replacement fund.

Pella Police ready for visitors

By Steve Woodhouse

As the weather warms and the tulips bloom, visitors to Pella are soon to follow.

With the 90th annual Tulip Festival approaching, Capt. Paul Haase recently shared that the Pella Police Department is once again prepared for the influx of visitors, and his appreciation for everyone who helps ensure public safety.

“We see what went well the year before, and what

we can do to put into place to make the next year safer, maybe help traffic move quicker,” Haase said. “Obviously, there’s always a lot of traffic, and that’s always a challenge, but are there ways that we can maybe help it work more efficiently?”

Haase added that the public safety team is always watching the skies as well when there are several visitors in town. “Weather is always that

big challenge. We’ve had a handful of tornado warnings or watches issued during Tulip Times. We’ve had torrential rain. We’ve had days it was supposed to rain that it doesn’t,” Haase said. The police, along with the Steering Committee, always err on the side of caution when bad weather threatens.

You can catch our conversation with Haase on Pella TV or the Pella Fiber YouTube channel.



City of Harvey to purchase old shop

The City of Harvey submitted a bid of \$15,001 to purchase the old Marion County Secondary Roads’ shop within its borders.

The Board of Supervisors received three sealed bids for the shop at Tuesday’s regular meeting. The City

had the highest bid.

Mayor Dennis Siebert said the facility will likely be used for storage initially. He is unsure of what the council’s long-term plan is for it.

“They have a purpose for it, I’m sure,” Siebert said.

Reminder – Highway 14 to close soon

The Iowa Department of Transportation plans to make improvements to the Des Moines River (Mile Long) Bridge and Brush Creek Bridge on Highway 14 this construction season.

The contractor has indicated they plan to

start April 6 and expect to finish by Oct. 23. During this time, the highway will be closed to through traffic and a detour will be in place using Highway 163, Marion County T-17, and Highway 92 in both directions.

Housing Specialist

Full-time Housing Specialist position with IPERS benefits. Must have high school diploma with 2-4 years office experience preferred. Complete job description and requirements available on request.

Applications are available at the Housing Office and must be submitted by April 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM to Knoxville Housing Agency, 116 E. Robinson St., Knoxville, IA 50138. Please call 641-828-7371 with any questions. We are an EEO employer.

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